WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   A method for displaying wait order comprising the steps of:

sending information from a server machine to a client terminal

5   device whenever accessed by a user via such client terminal device,

the information expressing at least a total number of other users

accessed earlier than the user and an order in the queue of the

user in relation to such total number of other users at the point

of time when the access occurred; and

10   displaying on the client terminal device the received total

number of other users and the order in the queue of the user in

relation to such total number in a graphical or text style.

2.   The method for displaying wait order according to Claim 1,

15   further comprising the steps of:

incrementing the order in the queue of the user each time a

predetermined processing is completed for one of other users, and

sending to the client terminal device information expressing a new

total number of other users and an incremented order in the queue

20   of the user in relation to such new total number of other users

whenever the increment occurred; and

displaying on the client terminal device the received new

total number and the incremented order in the queue of the user

in relation to such new total number in a graphical or text style

25   to thereby update the display.

3.   The method for displaying wait order according to Claim 1,

further comprising the step of:

displaying on the client terminal device the order in the

queue of the user in relation to the total number of other users

5   in a specific display mode.

4.   The method for displaying wait order according to Claim 1,

further comprising the steps of:

sending current time information expressing current time

10   counted on the server machine to the client terminal device;

correcting on the client terminal device time difference so

as to agree a current time counted on the client terminal device

with the current time counted on the server machine based on the

current time information received from such server machine;

15   executing a predetermined process on the server machine based

on the current time counted thereon; and

executing another predetermined process on the client

terminal device in synchronization with the server machine based

on the current time counted while being corrected for the time

20   difference.

5.   The method for displaying wait order according to Claim 1,

further comprising the steps of:

sending from the server machine to the client terminal device

25   roll-call time information used for roll-call processing

responsible for confirming a will of staying in the queue;

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executing on the server machine the roll-call processing for confirming a will of staying in the queue of the user based on the roll-call time information sent to the client terminal device; and

executing on the client terminal device a responding

5   processing for expressing the will of staying in the queue to the server machine based on the roll-call time information received from the server machine.

6.   The method for displaying wait order according to Claim 1,

10 further comprising the steps of:

sending from the server machine to the client terminal device termination time information for expressing a termination time of the waiting;

executing on the client terminal device a responding

15 processing to the server machine in order to issue a send request for target information within a predetermined time period from a termination time specified by the termination time information received from the server machine; and

executing on the server machine a wait termination processing

20 for sending the target information to the client terminal device when the send request was issued by the client terminal device within a predetermined time period from a termination time specified by the termination time information sent to the client terminal device.

25 7.   The method for displaying wait order according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of:

deleting a right for the waiting when the responding processing was not executed.

8. The method for displaying wait order according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of:

displaying on the client terminal device an arbitrary advertisement or a chat space allowing a plurality of users to chat based on text communication.

9. A computer program <u>to be executed on a computer</u> for displaying wait order, comprising the steps of:

sending information from a server machine to a client terminal device whenever accessed by a user via such client terminal device, the information expressing at least a total number of other users accessed earlier than the user and an order in the queue of the user in relation to such total number of other users at the point of time when the access occurred; and

displaying on the client terminal device the received total number of other users and the order in the queue of the user in relation to such total number in a graphical or text style.

10. The computer program to be executed on a computer for displaying wait order according to Claim 9, further comprising the steps of:

incrementing the order in the queue of the user each time a predetermined processing is completed for one of other users, and

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sending to the client terminal device information expressing a new

total number of other users and an incremented order in the queue

of the user in relation to such new total number of other users

whenever the increment occurred; and

5   displaying on the client terminal device the received new

total number and the incremented order in the queue of the user

in relation to such new total number in a graphical or text style

to thereby update the display.

10   11.   The computer program to be executed on a computer for

displaying wait order according to Claim 9, further comprising the

step of:

       displaying on the client terminal device the order in the

queue of the user in relation to the total number of other users

15   in a specific display mode.

12.   The computer program to be executed on a computer for

displaying wait order according to Claim 9, further comprising the

steps of:

20   sending current time information expressing current time

counted on the server machine to the client terminal device;

       correcting on the client terminal device time difference so

as to agree a current time counted on the client terminal device

with the current time counted on the server machine based on the

25   current time information received from such server machine;

       executing a predetermined process on the server machine based

on the current time counted thereon; and

executing another predetermined process on the client terminal device in synchronization with the server machine based on the current time counted while being corrected for the time

5   difference.

13.   The computer program to be executed on a computer for displaying wait order according to Claim 9, further comprising the steps of:

sending from the server machine to the client terminal device

10 roll-call time information used for roll-call processing responsible for confirming a will of staying in the queue;

executing on the server machine the roll-call processing for confirming a will of staying in the queue of the user based on the

15 roll-call time information sent to the client terminal device; and

executing on the client terminal device a responding processing for expressing the will of staying in the queue to the server machine based on the roll-call time information received from the server machine.

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14.   The computer program to be executed on a computer for displaying wait order according to Claim 9, further comprising the steps of:

sending from the server machine to the client terminal device

25 termination time information for expressing a termination time of the waiting;

executing on the client terminal device a responding processing to the server machine in order to issue a send request for target information within a predetermined time period from a termination time specified by the termination time information

5   received from the server machine; and

executing on the server machine a wait termination processing for sending the target information to the client terminal device when the send request was issued by the client terminal device within a predetermined time period from a termination time specified by

10   the termination time information sent to the client terminal device.

15.   The computer program to be executed on a computer for displaying wait order according to Claim 9, further comprising the step of:

deleting a right for the waiting when the responding

15   processing was not executed.

16.   The computer program to be executed on a computer for displaying wait order according to Claim 9, further comprising the

20   step of:

displaying on the client terminal device an arbitrary advertisement or a chat space allowing a plurality of users to chat based on text communication.

25   17.   A storage medium storing a computer program for displaying wait order, wherein the computer program allows a computer to

execute the steps of:

sending information from a server machine to a client terminal device whenever accessed by a user via such client terminal device, the information expressing at least a total number of other users

5 accessed earlier than the user and an order in the queue of the user in relation to such total number of other users at the point of time when the access occurred; and

displaying on the client terminal device the received total number of other users and the order in the queue of the user in

10 relation to such total number in a graphical or text style.

18. The storage medium storing a computer program for displaying wait order according to Claim 17, wherein the computer program allows a computer to execute the steps of:

15 incrementing the order in the queue of the user each time a predetermined processing is completed for one of other users, and sending to the client terminal device information expressing a new total number of other users and an incremented order in the queue of the user in relation to such new total number of other users

20 whenever the increment occurred; and

displaying on the client terminal device the received new total number and the incremented order in the queue of the user in relation to such new total number in a graphical or text style to thereby update the display.

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19. The storage medium storing a computer program for displaying

wait order according to Claim 17, wherein the computer program allows a computer to execute the step of:

displaying on the client terminal device the order in the queue of the user in relation to the total number of other users in a specific display mode.

20. The storage medium storing a computer program for displaying wait order according to Claim 17, wherein the computer program allows a computer to execute the steps of:

sending current time information expressing current time counted on the server machine to the client terminal device;

correcting on the client terminal device time difference so as to agree a current time counted on the client terminal device with the current time counted on the server machine based on the current time information received from such server machine;

executing a predetermined process on the server machine based on the current time counted thereon; and

executing another predetermined process on the client terminal device in synchronization with the server machine based on the current time counted while being corrected for the time difference.

21. The storage medium storing a computer program for displaying wait order according to Claim 17, wherein the computer program allows a computer to execute the steps of:

sending from the server machine to the client terminal device

roll-call time information used for roll-call processing responsible for confirming a will of staying in the queue;

executing on the server machine the roll-call processing for confirming a will of staying in the queue of the user based on the roll-call time information sent to the client terminal device; and

executing on the client terminal device a responding processing for expressing the will of staying in the queue to the server machine based on the roll-call time information received from the server machine.

22.   The storage medium storing a computer program for displaying wait order according to Claim 17, wherein the computer program allows a computer to execute the steps of:

sending from the server machine to the client terminal device termination time information for expressing a termination time of the waiting;

executing on the client terminal device a responding processing to the server machine in order to issue a send request for target information within a predetermined time period from a termination time specified by the termination time information received from the server machine; and

executing on the server machine a wait termination processing for sending the target information to the client terminal device when the send request was issued by the client terminal device within a predetermined time period from a termination time specified by the termination time information sent to the client terminal device.

23. The storage medium storing a computer program for displaying wait order according to Claim 17, wherein the computer program allows a computer to execute the step of:

deleting a right for the waiting when the responding processing was not executed.

24. The storage medium storing a computer program for displaying wait order according to Claim 17, wherein the computer program allows a computer to execute the step of:

displaying on the client terminal device an arbitrary advertisement or a chat space allowing a plurality of users to chat based on text communication.

25. A content distribution system comprising:

a server machine in wire connection or wireless connection with a predetermined communication circuit network, which is capable of sending through such communication circuit network information whenever accessed by a user, the information expressing at least a total number of other users accessed earlier than the user and an order in the queue of the user in relation to such total number of other users at the point of time when the access occurred; and

a client terminal device in wire connection or wireless connection with the predetermined communication circuit network, which is capable of making an access to the server machine in order

to request content distribution, and of displaying the total number of other users and the order in the queue of the user in relation to such total number in a graphical or text style based on the information received in response to the access from the server machine through the communication circuit network.

26. The content distribution system according to Claim 25, wherein the server machine increments the order in the queue of the user each time a predetermined processing is completed for one of other users, and sends to the client terminal device information expressing a new total number of other users and an incremented order in the queue of the user in relation to such new total number of other users whenever the increment occurred; and

the client terminal device displays the new total number and the incremented order in the queue of the user in relation to such new total number in a graphical or text style to thereby update the display based on the information received from the server machine.

27. The content distribution system according to Claim 25, wherein the client terminal device displays the order in the queue of the user in relation to the total number of other users in a specific display mode.

28. The content distribution system according to Claim 25, wherein the server machine sends current time information

expressing current time counted thereon to the client terminal device and executes a predetermined process based on the current time counted thereon; and

the client terminal device corrects time difference so as to
5 agree a current time counted thereon with the current time counted on the server machine based on the current time information received from such server machine, and executes another predetermined process in synchronization with the server machine based on the current time counted while being corrected for the time difference.

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29. The content distribution system according to Claim 25, wherein the server machine sends to the client terminal device roll-call time information used for roll-call processing responsible for confirming a will of staying in the queue and
15 executes the roll-call processing for confirming a will of staying in the queue of the user based on the roll-call time information sent to the client terminal device; and

the client terminal device executes a responding processing for expressing the will of staying in the queue to the server machine
20 based on the roll-call time information received from the server machine.

30. The content distribution system according to Claim 25, wherein the client terminal device executes a responding processing
25 to the server machine in order to issue a send request for target information within a predetermined time period from a termination

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time specified by the termination time information received from the server machine; and

the server machine sends to the client terminal device termination time information for expressing a termination time of the waiting and executes a wait termination processing for sending the target information to the client terminal device when the send request was issued by the client terminal device within a predetermined time period from a termination time specified by the termination time information sent to the client terminal device.

31. The content distribution system according to Claim 25, wherein at least either of the server machine or the client terminal device deletes a right for the waiting when the responding processing was not executed.

32. The content distribution system according to Claim 25, wherein the client terminal device displays at least either of an arbitrary advertisement or a chat space allowing a plurality of users to chat based on text communication.